Economy Roundtable – Focus on Traceability: Building Relationships to Promote Technical Cooperation - Thailand

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Focus on Traceability

- Does your economy impose traceability requirements on wine? If so, what records or documents must be produced or maintained when wine is traded between parties?
  
  - Stamp permission process is imposed as traceability requirement on all liquor products.
  - Randomisation of liquor analytical inspection will be carried out to protect customers from not having standard liquor.
  - Label permission procedure.
  - New tax stamp system as a technological based for a stamp marked on or affixed to a taxable liquor as evidence that the tax has been paid.
• Do those requirements apply to imported wine?
  → All of the control measurements and verification procedures are applied to all imported alcoholic beverages.

• How long must the records be retained?
  → Stamp information storage: 5 consecutive years
  → Liquor analytical inspection: 5 consecutive years
  → Label permission procedure: not defined
  → New tax stamp system: no required requirement

• Are these requirements applied to ensure wine safety, wine quality, wine authenticity, or to some combination of these three elements?
  → Yes, all the control procedures and verification procedures are applied to ensure effective Excise tax administrative management.

• Has your economy mandated any product recalls involving wine in the past 10 years? If so, why was the recall initiated?
  → Local alcoholic beverages.

• Labeling requirements such as lot or batch numbers, and the name and address of the importer are common aids to traceability. Import certificates can also be used to track and trace wine. Is your economy planning to introduce any additional traceability requirements?
  → Certificate of analysis will be imposed to all importers and traders as one of the importation procedures.
  → New tax stamp system.
• Which government authority, agency or Ministry in your economy (if any) is responsible for implementing and controlling the wine traceability system? For example, which authority has access to the wine trading records?
  - The Excise Department, Ministry of Finance: Wine and alcoholic beverages are products subject to excise duty, tax administrative collection and management.
  - Ministry of Public Health: Labeling, advertising.

Thank you very much for your kind attention